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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: BURMESE PARTICIPATION IN
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On November 2, Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Nikos Panayi, a counselor in the Multilateral Affairs division of the Cypriot Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Panayi echoed earlier MFA impressions on the importance of UN Special Advisor Ibrahim Gambari's efforts in Burma. Regarding our specific request, Cyprus would not press ASEAN to "disinvite" Burma from its November 20 summit nor push to restrict GoB attendance to lower level officials. Panayi offered assurances, however, that Cyprus fully understood the importance of the upcoming ASEAN and other East Asian summits in addressing the crisis in Burma.
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